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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: DEPRESSED MARKET FOR TUNISIAN PHOSPHATE PRODUCTS

REFS: TUNIS 2209; RABAT 1691

1. COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR CHEBBI OF TUNISIAN NATIONAL PHOSPHATE MINING COMPANY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT (CONTRARY TO INFORMATION FORWARDED TUNIS REFTEL) TUNISIA IS CONTINUING TO HAVE DIFFICULTIES MARKETING ITS TOTAL PRODUCTION OF PHOSPHATE AND PHOSPHATE PRODUCTS. HE SAID THAT LACK OF DEMAND HAS PARTICULARLY AFFECTED EXPORTS OF PHOSPHORIC ACID AND TRIPLE SUPER PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS. HE GAVE NO FIGURES FOR TOTAL SHORTFALL IN EXPORTS THUS FAR BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DEMAND WOULD PICK UP IN SECOND HALF OF 1975, PERMITTING TUNISIA TO COME CLOSE TO PROJECTED EXPORTS OF PHOSPHATE ROCKS AND DERIVATIVES FOR FULL YEAR.

2. SOURCE CREDITED DROP IN EXPORT DEMAND TO: WEATHER IN

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EUROPE (EXCESS RAINS IN NORTH, LATE RAINS IN SOUTH);

WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC RECESSION WHICH IS RESTRICTING AVAILABILITY OF CREDIT TO FINANCE IMPORTS AND USE OF FERTILIZERS; AND SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY BY RAW MATERIAL IMPORTERS AND MANIPULATORS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE PRICE OF PHOSPHATES AND DERIVATIVES DOWN. SOURCE SAID THAT GOT HAS NO INTENTION DECREASE ITS PRICES SINCE, HE SAID, SLACKENING OF DEMAND NOT RPT NOT CAUSED BY CURRENT HIGH PRICES BUT BY NON-PRICE CONSIDERATIONS CITED ABOVE.

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